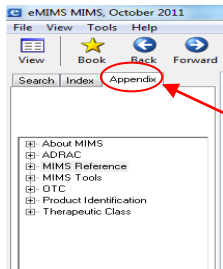
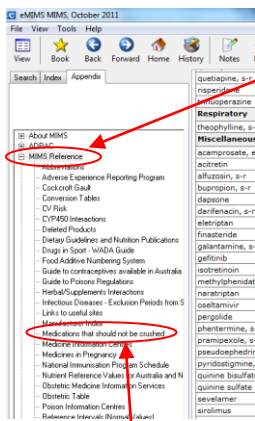


Medicines that should not be crushed.

It is important for pharmacists, Drs and nursing staff to be aware of potential problems which may occur when administering medicines to patients who experience difficulty with swallowing solid dosage forms. It is often incorrectly assumed that it is ok to crush tablets. eMIMS contains a reference page which provides information on medicines that should not be crushed. This list has been compiled and recently updated for MIMS by Jenny Gowan PhD, and Mrs Robyn Saunders BPharm , Consultant pharmacists, from MediCom Medication Management Services.



The information can be found by clicking on the 'Appendix' tab in the search panel on the left hand side when you open eMIMS. By clicking on the '+' sign by MIMS Reference a list of resources is shown.



Medications that should not be crushed can be selected from here.

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Note: List of brands and medications is not exhaustive. All controlled release formulations should not be crushed. Where crushing is not possible, a suitable alternative can usually be found. Some tablets that are scored may be cut in half but not crushed. Some capsules may be opened and the contents dispersed in water. Pellets contained in capsules should not be crushed but may be mixed with water or soft food. Check with product information before recommending crushing, cutting or dispersing.

Generic	Brand	Category
Analgesics		
hydromorphone, s-r	Jurnata	1
morphine sulfate, s-r	Kapanol®, MS Contin, MS Mono®, Momex SR	1
oxycodone	Endone, Oxycortm	7
oxycodone, s-r	OxyContac	1
oxycodone/ naloxone, s-r	Targin	1
paracetamol, s-r	Panadol Back & Neck, Panadol Extend, Panadol Osteo	1
tramadol, s-r	Durotram XR, Lodam SR, Tramahexal SR, Tramal SR, Zydol SR	1
Antibiotics, antivirals		
amoxicillin/ clavulanic acid	Augmentin Duo, Augmentin Duo Forte, Clamoxyl Duo, Clamoxyl Duo Forte, Clavulin Duo, Clavulin Duo Forte, Clavoxilin, Moxiclav Duo, Moxiclav Duo Forte	7
cefadroxil, s-r	Ceflar CD, Karlar CD, Karlar CD, Qazel	1
clarithromycin	Klacid	6
diclofenac	Clecin, Dalaion C	3

This page is divided into medicines classes in alphabetical order, and lists generic ingredients and associated brand names. A category is assigned to each generic ingredient which provides the reasons why these medications should not be crushed. These reasons range from altered pharmacokinetics to local irritant effects.

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